



## Val Jean J. Wragge

November 14, 1936 - October 26, 2014

PIERCE — Val Jean J. Wragge, former mayor of Pierce, died Sunday, Oct. 26, 2014, at Faith Regional Health Services in Norfolk. He was 77. Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Christ Lutheran Church in Pierce with burial in Prospect View Cemetery and the Rev. Casey Lieneman officiating. Military rites will be by Tomek-Otto Post 72 American Legion of Pierce and United States Army Honors Guard. Visitation will be 4-7 p.m. Tuesday at the church under direction of Stoncek Memorial Chapel of Pierce. He was born Nov. 14, 1936, at Pierce to Gus and Margaret (Bargstadt) Wragge and was baptized and confirmed at Christ Lutheran Church at Pierce. He graduated from Pierce High School with the class of 1954 and attended Norfolk Junior College and barber school in Omaha. He served in the Army, stationed in Alaska as a private first class, from Feb. 24, 1955, to Feb. 13, 1957. He was married to Ruth Ann Purdie on July 27, 1957, in Plainview. Val Jean was a barber in Pierce for 34 years. He served in many organizations in Pierce — Jaycees, Lions, as a fireman, Christ Lutheran Church Council, Prospect View Cemetery Board and founding member of the Pierce Golf Course. He also served as councilman and mayor for the City of Pierce. After retirement, he held various part-time jobs, including working at the golf course, Pierce Elevator and as an assistant for 12 years at Stonacek Funeral Homes. For many years he enjoyed playing cards, cribbage, golfing and spending his winters in Arizona. His greatest pleasure was spending time with his family and talking on the phone. He was a member of Christ Lutheran Church of Pierce. He is survived

by wife Ruth Ann Wragge of Pierce, daughter Kimberly and husband Dave Korth of Plainview, son Rich and wife Amy Wragge of Windsor, Colo., daughter-in-law Janet Wragge of Plainview, seven grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren and brother Dale Wragge of Norfolk. He was preceded in death by his parents, Gus and Margaret; three brothers, Bob, Dick and Mike; sister Donna Mae Race and two sons, Mitchell and Randall Wragge. Music will be by organist Kathy Draeger with a duet by Rick and Cheryl Higgins on "How Great Thou Art" and congregational hymns "On Eagle's Wings" and "I Was There to Hear Your Morning Cry." Casket bearers will be Brian Bargstadt, Brett Korth, Dusty Korth, Mike Race, Scott Race and Todd Werner. Honorary casket bearers will be Donavon Koehler, Bill Stonacek, Aaron Wragge, Dennis Wragge, Larry Vrbka, Dwight Johnson and Byron Retzlaff. Online condolences may be sent to [www.stonacekfuneralchapel.com](http://www.stonacekfuneralchapel.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Prospect View Cemetery - Rural Pierce

Pierce, NE

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **28**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Christ Lutheran Church - Pierce  
506 South 2nd St.  
Pierce, NE 68767

## Service

OCT **29**. 10:00 AM (CT)

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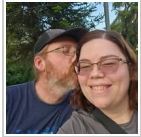
# Tribute Wall



“ *Val Jean J. Wragge*

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October 05, 2023 at 03:46 AM



“ *Sending Aunt Ruth much love and hugs. I know we didn't always keep in touch over the years, but I'll never forget my first image of Uncle Val sitting in that recliner talking football with one of the boys and smiling that big ole smile. Love you all!!*  
*Barb*

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**Barb Smith** - October 28, 2014 at 10:23 PM



“ *Kim, I only met your dad twice. The second time was at 7 AM the morning after my wife, Jean, was killed in a car wreck. I was sitting in the garage and suddenly he was looming in the door with a dozen donuts.. I was very moved! My thoughts and prayers are with you & your family!*  
*Jim*

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**Jim doyle** - October 28, 2014 at 08:50 PM



“ *Always will remember stopping at barber shop to visit. He always called us the Magdanz girls and gave us a hug and told us to behave. Know he will be missed, Ruth, my prayers are with you and I pray he is at peace.*  
*Sandra*

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**Sandra Tunink** - October 28, 2014 at 04:57 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Val Jean J. Wragge.



October 28, 2014 at 03:24 PM



“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Val Jean J. Wragge.



October 28, 2014 at 08:47 AM



“ The Krienke men had many haircuts by Val Gene. Loved the man and his jokes. Opal was his "neighbor" at the Manor for a few days and missed him when he went home. No one could do a Flattop like Val Gene. Our sympathies to Ruth Ann and the Wragge family.  
Ted and Anne Krienke



Anne Krienke - October 27, 2014 at 10:17 PM

CW

Rich,  
Was talking with Walt Bahr who now lives on the East Coast near NYC. We know of the losses of your brothers and now your dad. We both feel bad for you and your remaining family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Hang in there bro.  
Cash Winther

Cash P Winther - November 01, 2014 at 06:06 PM

RP

*So sorry to hear about your loss, our prayers are with you in this time of need to get you through the holidays. It was 30 some years ago when we meet Val Jean and Ruth Ann for the first time sense my childhood. He took us in and showed great hospitality wanting us to stay with them and not at a local motel. He showed me around town and introduced me to many of his friends. I think he was the mayor at the time. Any way the next day we got snowed in with 12 inches of snow. I was on leave from the Air Force stationed at Barksdale AFB, La., and the snow was quite a surprise. It allowed us to get to know family and visit. As time passes so do the memories of the dear moments we so much enjoy. Now 30 years forward, we were able to come and visit again this past summer with Val Jean and Ruth Ann, and how we enjoyed their hospitality again. Thank you dearly for all the memories and information passed on in our conversations. He was a great man with a big heart and an even bigger smile. I salute you for all you have done for your country and community. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*

*Ronald and Joyce Purdie, Haysville, Kansas*

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**Ronald and Joyce Purdie** - November 20, 2014 at 04:09 PM